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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First named Applicant: Venkata R. Jagana	Group Art Unit: 2143
Application No.: 09/686,049 (CONF 4959)	
Filed: 10/11/2000	
Title: System for host-to-host connectivity using FICON protocol over a storage area network	Examiner: William C. Vaughn, Jr.
Attorney Docket No.: BEA9-2000-0005-US1	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 1, 2005, please amend the application as follows, and consider the following remarks.